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SUBJECT: EANES CONTINUES TO WEIGH THE OPTIONS

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SUMMARY: PRESIDENT EANES MET OVER THE WEEKEND WITH CGTP-

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INTERSINDICAL, CARTA A ERTA, CAP AND CIP. THE PSD NATIONAL COUNCIL AND PCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE BOTH TOOK PUBLIC POSITIONS ON THE CONTINUING CRISIS. EANES HAS NOT YET ANNOUNCED HIS NEXT STEPS, BUT IS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE NATION AUGUST 1. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE HE HOPES TO FIND A PARLIAMENTARY SOLUTION WITHOUT RECOURSE TO ELECTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. CONSULTATIONS CONTINUE: PRESIDENT EANES MET WITH GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF PORTUGUESE WORKERS (CGTP - INTERSINDICAL), CONFEDERATION OF PORTUGUESE FARMERS (CAP), CONFEDERATION OF PORTUGUESE INDUSTRY (CIP), AND CARTA ABERTA (TRADE UNION MOVEMENT) REPRESENTATIVES JULY 29 AS PART OF HIS CONTINUING PROCESS OF CONSULTATION FOLLOWING THE FALL OF PS/CDS GOVERNMENT. MEANWHILE, THE PSD NATIONAL COUNCIL AND PCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE TOOK PUBLIC POSITIONS ON RESOLVING THE CURRENT CRISIS. HIGHLIGHTS:

-- PSD NATIONAL COUNCIL: THE PARTY'S JULY 29 NATIONAL COUNCIL SESSION CALLED FOR THE FORMATION OF A THIRD CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE IMMEDIATE CONVOCATION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC TO PREPARE FOR EARLY ELECTIONS. THE COUNCIL ALSO APPROVED THE CREATION OF TWO PARTY COMMISSIONS: THE FIRST TO STUDY CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION AND THE SECOND TO STUDY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION.

-- PCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE: THE COMMUNISTS SEE ONLY TWO POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS: THE FORMATION OF A THIRD CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT (WHICH AS FAR AS THE PCP IS CONCERNED MUST BE LED BY THE SOCIALISTS) OR THE APPOINTMENT OF A CARETAKER GOVERNMENT TO TAKE THE COUNTRY TO ELECTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AS FAR AS THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE IS CONCERNED, THE DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF PRESIDENT EANES IN "FUTURE GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES" IS UNDESIRABLE.

2. COMMENT: CONTRARY TO WIDESPREAD SPECULATION, PRESIDENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EANES DID NOT GO TO THE NATION TO CLARIFY HIS OWN INTENTIONS OVER THE WEEKEND. HE IS HOWEVER SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE NATION AUGUST 1. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT HE HOPES TO FIND A PARLIAMENTARY SOLUTION WITHOUT RECOURSE TO INTERIM GOVERNMENTS, OR EARLY ELECTIONS. SOCIALIST LEADER SALGADO ZENHA NOTED IN A WEEKEND TELEVISION INTERVIEW THAT THE ONLY PARLIAMENTARY AGREEMENT THE SOCIALISTS COULD CONSIDER AT THIS MOMENT WAS WITH THE CENTER DEMOCRATS. EMOTIONS, HOWEVER, WILL HAVE TO COOL SOMEWHAT BEFORE SUCH AN AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED AGAIN.
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